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SUBJECT: REVIEW ON U.S.-ITALY AGREEMENT OF S AND T COOPERA-
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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY VIEWS ON UPCOMING VISIT
BY NSF DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CONCURS THAT MAJOR OBJECTIVE IS
TO SET STAGE FOR A REVIEW EARLY IN 1979 OF THE U.S.-ITALY
AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. WE
ALSO CONCUR THAT ENERGY R AND D WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM 1979
REVIEW.

2. INITIAL REACTION OF FEDERAL AGENCIES IS THAT REVIEW
WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. IF ENOUGH ADVANCE NOTICE WERE GIVEN,
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AGENCIES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SENDING REPRESENTATIVES.
SECRETARY FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COULD BE PROFITABLE.

3. DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT PROPOSED 1979 REVIEW MEETING
SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR BILATERAL COOPERA-
TION INCLUDING ALL USG AGENCIES WITH ACTIVE S AND T PROGRAMS
IN ITALY. IF NECESSARY, ANOTHER REVIEW IN EARLY 1980 COULD

BE PLANNED. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT COULD

BE TABLED, IF EITHER SIDE DESIRED BUT WE DO CONCUR IN EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT CHANGES BE DEFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL IN MID-1980.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT FORMATION OF PERMANENT REVIEW BOARD BE DEFERRED UNTIL WE GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE WITH LESS FORMAL REVIEW MECHANISMS. EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY FRANCE, INDICATE PERIODIC REVIEW MEETINGS PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW PROGRAMS. WE CONCUR THAT FOLDING BILATERAL S AND T INTO CULTURAL AGREEMENT OFFERS NO BENEFITS.

5. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7 REFTEL.

6. SUGGEST CAUTION AT THIS TIME IN COMMITTING OTHER AGENCIES TO BE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION OF PROPOSED REVIEW (PARA 8, SECTION 2B).

7. SINCE NSF DELEGATION ALREADY DEPARTED, REQUEST EMBASSY REVIEW REFTEL AND THIS CABLE WITH THEM, PRIOR TO MEETINGS WITH ITALIANS. VANCE

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